

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Kevin Orton

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE WEIGHT  
REDUCTION

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Not yet assigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby disclose to the Patent Office patents, publications, and other information of which they are aware. A Form PTO-1449 listing the above items for consideration by the examiner is attached hereto. Copies of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in connection with the prior application Serial No. 10/215,871 which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, copies of the cited references are not being separately provided in this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

---

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
(37 C.F.R. §1.10)

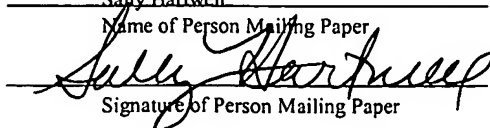
I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

EV 314509485 US  
Express Mail Label No.

January 16, 2004  
Date of Deposit  
DOCSOC1: 145384.1

Sally Hartwell

Name of Person Mailing Paper

  
Signature of Person Mailing Paper

The items cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 may or may not be material to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application, and their submission is not to be construed as an admission that the items are material or considered to be material (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h)), or even that they qualify as "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. § 102 with respect to the claimed invention unless specifically designated as such. Identification of any publication or patent having an issue date or a publication date after the statutory bar date is not an admission that the publication was published, or that the patent was filed, before the invention claimed in this application was made by Applicants.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed to mean that a search has been made or that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist.

No Fee

Because this statement is being submitted prior to the first action on the merits, no fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, should the Patent Office determine that a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 15-0665 for the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 16, 2004

By: 

Donald Daybell  
Reg. No. 50,877

4 Park Plaza, Suite 1600  
Irvine, California 92614-2558  
Telephone (949) 567-6700  
Facsimile (949) 567-6710  
Customer No.: 34313

Please type a plus sign (+) in this box ☐Approved for use through 10/31/99. OMB 0651-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	not yet assigned
				Filing Date	Herewith
				First Named Inventor	Kevin Orton
				Group Art Unit	not yet assigned
Examiner Name	not yet assigned				
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	704484.4002

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publications of Cited Documents MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup>			
	1.	DES 337,419		Oper	7/20/1993	
	2.	US- 4,485,805		Foster, Jr.	12/4/1984	
	3.	US- 4,592,342		Salmasian	6/3/1986	
	4.	US- 4,946,453		Monson	8/7/1990	
	5.	US- 4,952,913		Pauley et al.	8/28/1990	
	6.	US- 5,073,984		Tone et al.	12/24/1991	
	7.	US- 5,453,270		Bills	9/26/1995	
	8.	US- 5,700,231		Wilkinson	12/23/1997	
	9.	US- 5,906,004		Lebby et al.	5/25/1999	
	10.	US- 5,935,882		Fujita et al.	8/10/1999	
	11.	US- 5,985,282		Haveson	11/16/1999	
	12.	US- 5,989,574		Slavin	11/23/1999	
	13.	US- 6,065,154		Hulings et al.	5/23/2000	
	14.	US- 6,080,690		Lebby et al.	6/27/2000	
	15.	US- 6,097,297		Fard	8/1/2000	
	16.	US- 6,191,117 B1		Kozachuk	2/20/2001	
	17.	US- 6,203,291 B1		Sunvold et al.	3/20/2001	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publications of Cited Documents MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup>				
	18.	EP	0 788 811 A1		Innuendo S.r.l.	8/13/1997		
	19.	EP	1 027 907 A1		Yaman Ltd.	8/16/2000		
	20.	WO	01/2052		N.V. Bekaert S.A.	1/1/2001		
	21.	WO	01/26641		Glaxo Group Ltd.	4/19/2001		
	22.	FR	2758268 A1		Delatex SA (FR)	7/17/1998		

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials'	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>	
	23.	Market Inc., pgs. 1-2, <a href="http://www.market-inc.com">http://www.market-inc.com</a>		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

DOCSOC1:145383.1

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent documents. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.